



## DEPARTMENT 413

### CATS

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## 4-H CAT SHOW SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, JULY 29 - 4-H Exhibit Hall

9 am - 9 pm All 4-H cat posters and poster entries due. Posters will be on display throughout the State Fair.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 - Auditorium, Farm Bureau Building

All exhibitors entering the Fairgrounds on or after Wednesday, August 6, **must pay admission or an exhibitor ticket is required.** Any exhibitor leaving the Fairgrounds, wishing to return the same day **must** obtain a hand stamp from the gate attendant or pay admission to re-enter. This policy will be strictly enforced.

- 9 am - 11 am All 4-H cats admitted, vet checked and benched. Enter gate 16 at northwest corner of Fairgrounds off 42nd Street, and proceed to north side of Farm Bureau Building to unload. After check-in, parking will be directly north in the adjacent Deaf School lot adjoining 42nd Street. All 4-H Cat exhibitors report first to the Vet check, then bring the approved Certificate of Vaccination to the 4-H Cat registration table. **Note: Pre-entry (July 1st) is required for 4-H Cat entries.**
- 11:30 am Judging of all 4-H animals, showmanship, action demos, and cage decorations. All 4-H cat exhibits are dismissed and may go home following announcement of the 4-H champions. Assistance in moving show items to the exhibitor's vehicle will be available upon request at the registration table.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18 - 4-H Exhibit Hall

8 am - 9 pm 4-H cat posters released

## LOCATION AND PARKING

The State Fair Cat Show will be conducted in the Farm Bureau building, located on the North Side of the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Exhibitor parking is available on a first come first served basis in the Deaf School parking lot, across the street from the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors should plan to enter the Fairgrounds through Gate 16 by the 4-H Exhibit Hall.

## CARE AND MANAGEMENT

**Note: Refer to general Terms and Conditions for State Health Requirements.**

1. The Indiana State Fair will furnish cages (22" H x 22" D x 25<sup>1/2</sup>" W) for benching all of the cats that are entered in the show. Exhibitors must provide water/feed containers, carrying case, towels or curtains to drape their cage, litter box and litter, and other appropriate grooming aids. **No double cages will be available.**
2. Exhibitors will be responsible to maintain and care for the 4-H cat while at the State Fair 4-H cat show.
3. 4-H cats will be benched by sex and 4-H exhibitor number.
4. Advertising will not be permitted on 4-H cat exhibits.
5. All 4-H cats must be brought and taken from the show in carriers. Cats on leashes without carrying cases will not be accepted. Please do not use paper/cardboard boxes as carriers. A plastic laundry basket with a lid makes a secure carrier. Harnesses should not be used because they interfere with judging. A leash and collar may be used, but shall be removed for judging.
6. 4-H exhibitors are expected to stay in the area with their cats during judging.
7. Pregnant or lactating female cats will not be permitted to show.
8. All 4-H cats must have the claws clipped or be de-clawed.
9. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding stock, be neutered or spayed.
10. 4-H cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, or other communicable diseases. See the health terms and conditions section printed in the front of this book for the details.
11. 4-H cats will be removed from their cages during judging. The 4-H member will stay and watch his or her cat being judged, then return the cat to its cage. If a 4-H cat is not on the judging table at the time the class is judged, it will not be judged.

12. The 4-H'er and/or his/her parent(s) should not speak with the judge unless conversation is initiated by the judge.
13. Cats must be taken home following official release at the end of the 4-H cat show.
14. 4-H cats shall not be left unattended at any time either in the Farm Bureau building or in an automobile.
15. 4-H Exhibitors must provide appropriate draping whether or not they are entered in the cage decorating class to prevent cats from coming in contact with one another. This procedure helps to prevent the spread of air borne disease from sneezes or Male/Female attraction.
16. Measurement of cages and drapery information for the Cage Decorating is listed within that section.

## 4-H CAT SHOW

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS/ENTRY

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1. All State Fair 4-H cat show exhibitors must have been enrolled in the 4-H cat program prior to May 15.
2. It is not necessary for a 4-H cat to have been selected as a county winner to enter and compete at the State Fair. Any eligible 4-H cat project member may elect to exhibit their 4-H cat in State Fair competition.
3. A cat or kitten being shown in the 4-H cat project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of the immediate family or household and be cared for by the 4-H member by May 15th.
4. 4-H cats entered at the State Fair must be owned, cared for, and shown by the 4-H member.
5. A 4-H member may enter and show a maximum of 2 cats in the 4-H cat show. Each cat may be shown in only one cat class.
6. **All 4-H cats must have a completed certification of vaccination for the 4-H cat project (4-H 777) (Revised 2007). The certification of vaccination must be signed by the extension educator and a licensed, accredited veterinarian, and it must be available at check-in. A veterinary check-in will be done before registration and before the 4-H cat may be benched and entered in the 4-H Cat Show.**
7. Cat(s) may be purebred or grade animals (household pets).
8. The 4-H'er must postmark (**no metered mail**) the State Fair entry form with a \$15 fee per project (ie. \$15 for cats (1 project), \$15 for dogs (1 project), \$15 for swine (1 project)), to the State Fair Entry Dept., 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869 by July 1. An **additional** \$50 fee per exhibitor per project, must accompany entries postmarked from July 2-31. Only hand delivered entries will be accepted from August 1 until check-in time and must be accompanied by an **additional** \$50 late fee per exhibitor per project, plus an **additional** \$50 per animal fee. Make check or money order payable to the Indiana State Fair, or complete credit card information and signature. No cash accepted. Entry forms are available from your County Extension Office and on the website. **ENTER ONLINE at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com).**

**WARNING! If all of the information is not complete on the entry form and payment or valid credit card information enclosed, the entry form will be returned to the 4-H'er and will be subject to all applicable late fees. Please photocopy the entry form before mailing.**

9. Responsibility for correctly entering appropriate State Fair class number(s), section letters, and class descriptions rests with the 4-H member.
10. Confirmation of entry and tickets will be mailed to the exhibitor if there is sufficient return mail time. **Exhibitors must bring mailed or online receipt of entry to check-in.** Confirmation of entry will not be made over the phone.
11. 4-H exhibitors will be given an entry number which will be used throughout the show for judging and benching. When this number is called by the announcer, it will be time for the 4-H'er and their cat to report to the judging area. Be sure to stay alert and listen for your number.
12. Each 4-H exhibitor is responsible for bringing both the 4-H cat and the 4-H information card to and from the show ring. Only 4-H members may show cats at the judging table. A 4-H cat entered but not presented or available will be disqualified.
13. Each cat will be judged under 1 judge unless the cat is selected for the grand champion grouping.
14. Each 4-H'er's cat will be judged on a) health, b) cleanliness, c) grooming, d) personality, and e) if all categories are equal, the judge will choose a winner by its "star quality."
15. After each 4-H cat has been judged, 4-H'ers are to remain in the benching area as their cat may be called again for another runoff.
16. 4-H exhibitors should read the general terms and conditions printed in the front of this Handbook/Premium List regarding other 4-H related policies and information.

## 4-H CAT SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS (DEPT 413)

**Junior** - 4-H members in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade on January 1 of the current year.

**Intermediate** - 4-H members in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade on January 1 of the current year.

**Senior** - 4-H members in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade on January 1 of the current year.

**Household kittens** - cats aged 4 to 8 months on day of show. Any kitten becoming 8 months old on show day will be considered an adult cat.

**Household adults** - cats 8 months of age or older on show day.

**Purebred** - cats of a recognized breed, kept pure for many generations. If the cat is registered, it must have a current registration number from one of the national cat registries, such as the Cat Fanciers Association.

**Long haired** - cats whose coat has long top hairs, with a thick wooly under-coat. The length of hair on a cat's tail is often used as a determining factor. Hair length is normally 1-1/2" long or more.

**Short haired** - cats whose coat has only short hairs, a smooth, textured coat. Cat tail hair is usually less than 1-1/2" in length.

## SECTION AD - ACTION DEMO

### CLASS DESCRIPTION

- 1 Junior - 4-H member in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade on January 1 of the current year.
- 2 Intermediate - 4-H member in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade on January 1 of the current year.
- 3 Senior - 4-H member in the 9th grade or above on January 1 of the current year.

Each county may send all of the 4-H'ers who are interested in doing an action demo to the Indiana State Fair 4-H Cat Show. **Enter Action Demo on the official State Fair Cat Entry form.** Entry information may be obtained at the County Extension Office.

## AWARDS

An Indiana State Fair souvenir pin will be awarded to each 4-H participant along with a State Fair plaque and medallion.

## SECTION SS - SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor can only enter one cat in showmanship

Class - All ages as of January 1 of the current year.

- 1 Junior - 3rd-5th grade
  - 2 Intermediate - 6th-8th grade
  - 3 Senior - 9th grade and above
1. Reference material may not be used during the activity by participants.
  2. Questions for the activity will be taken from one or more of the following publications: (Grade in school on January 1 of the current year)
    - Juniors (Level 1)** BU-6146 -(Grades 3-4-5) - Purrr-fect Pals!
    - Intermediates (Level 2)** BU-6146 and BU-6147  
(Grades 6-7-8) - Purrr-fect Pals and Climbing Up!
    - Seniors (Level 3)** BU-6146, BU-6147 & BU-6148  
(Grades 9 and above) - Purrr-fect Pals!, Climbing Up!, Cat Connections, Your Cat and You.
  3. Showmanship Judging
    1. Written quiz
    2. Showing your cat
    3. Oral interview about the cat

## SECTION CD - CAGE DECORATION CONTEST

### CLASS DESCRIPTION

- 1 Junior - 4-H member in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade on January 1 of the current year.
- 2 Intermediate - 4-H member in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade on January 1 of the current year.
- 3 Senior - 4-H member in the 9th grade or above on January 1 of the current year.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cat cage decoration is an optional activity for 4-H members with a cat entered in the cat show. If a 4-H member chooses not to decorate the cage, he/she must plan to bring a sheeting or material with which to cover the inside of the cage.
2. If a member chooses to decorate the inside of their 4-H cat cage, the single cat cage measures 22" H x 22" D x 25<sup>1/2</sup>" W.
3. The following judging criteria will be used to evaluate each entry:
  - a) color coordination
  - b) originality/imagination
  - c) Are the 2 sides, top and back appropriately covered? (Front of cage should not be covered.) Please do not use copyright figures such as Garfield, Mickey Mouse, etc. in decorating of your cat cage.
  - d) Health/Safety/Comfort of the 4-H Cat (to include: water dish, litter, appropriate continuation of the theme.)
  - e) Appropriateness to theme. Exhibitors must post theme name on cage.

Note: 4-H Cat Cages are decorated and displayed sitting on show tables. The cages are connected in groups of two.

## STATE FAIR 4-H CAT POSTER EXHIBIT

To promote educational displays by 4-H members who enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following classes shall be offered by the Indiana State Fair. Contact your local extension office for poster entry information.

### Classes

Level 1 (junior division) for 4-H members in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade on January 1 of the current year.

Level 2 (intermediate division) for 4-H members in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade on January 1 of the current year.

Level 3 (senior division) for 4-H members in the 9th grade or above on January 1 of the current year.

**Exhibit suggestions** Use a 22"x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters should be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from the County Extension Office should be filled out and securely attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit.

**Exhibit topics** The following suggestions are ideas for development of educational cat poster. 4-H'ers need not be limited by or to just these mentioned topics.

**Juniors** - cat care, cat breeds, litter-training, treating my cat with care and respect, cat responsibilities, grooming skills, training my cat, neutering/spaying, determining cat costs, traveling with my cat, my cat's safety.

**Intermediates** - national cat fancier associations, a cat clinic, training with extra praise, careers related to cats, should my cat have kittens?, feeding my cat, things I've learned, insect pests, symptoms of ill health, my visiting pet therapy program, cats get old too!, saying good-bye.

**Seniors** - understanding a cat show, planning a cat business, cat genetics, cat organs and systems, exploring careers, learning about leadership, teaching others, having fun learning, protecting our environment, issues of animal welfare/rights.

## 4-H CAT POSTER AWARDS

Each 4-H cat poster exhibit will be awarded a blue, red, white or green ribbon based on quality as determined by the judge.

Judge's "award of merit" ribbons shall be awarded as appropriate.

An official Indiana State Fair 4-H pin will be awarded to all 4-H cat poster exhibitors.

## 4-H CAT SHOW AWARDS

Individual class participants - blue - red - white ribbons

Class Champion/Reserve Champion - rosettes

Judge's "award of merit" ribbons shall be awarded as appropriate.

Each State Fair 4-H cat exhibitor will be awarded a State Fair 4-H competition pin.

### Note:

\*Reserve Champion moves up for Reserve Grand Champion if the Grand Champion is selected from their class.

\*Reserve Grand Champion moves up for Reserve Best of Show if the Best of Show is selected from their division.

### (Do not enter these class numbers)

Class Description:

413 AL 4 Grand Champion Adult Long Hair 4-H Cat—rosette

413 AL 5 Reserve Grand Champion Adult Long Hair 4-H Cat—rosette

413 AS 4 Grand Champion Adult Short Hair 4-H Cat—rosette

413 AS 5 Reserve Grand Champion Adult Short Hair 4-H Cat—rosette

413 KL 4 Grand Champion Long Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 KL 5 Reserve Grand Champion Long Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 KS 4 Grand Champion Short Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 KS 5 Reserve Grand Champion Short Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 LA 4 Grand Champion Purebred Long Hair Adult 4-H Cat—rosette

413 LA 5 Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Long Hair Adult 4-H Cat—rosette

413 SA 4 Grand Champion Purebred Short Hair Adult 4-H Cat—rosette

413 SA 5 Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Short Hair Adult 4-H Cat—rosette

413 PL 4 Grand Champion Purebred Long Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 PL 5 Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Long Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 PS 4 Grand Champion Purebred Short Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 PS 5 Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Short Hair 4-H Kitten—rosette

413 CW 1 Best of Show 4-H Cat—large plaque

413 CW 2 Reserve Best of Show 4-H Cat—small plaque

413 CD 4 Junior Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration - small plaque

413 CD 5 Junior Reserve Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration - rosette

413 CD 6 Intermediate Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration - small plaque

- 413 CD 7 Intermediate Reserve Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration - rosette  
 413 CD 8 Senior Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration - small plaque  
 413 CD 9 Senior Reserve Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration - rosette  
 413 CD10 Grand Champion 4-H Cat Cage Decoration—large plaque  
 413 SS 4 Junior Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship—small plaque  
 413 SS 5 Junior Reserve Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship—rosette  
 413 SS 6 Intermediate Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship—small plaque  
 413 SS 7 Intermediate Reserve Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship—rosette  
 413 SS 8 Senior Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship—small plaque  
 413 SS 9 Senior Reserve Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship—rosette  
 413 SS10 Grand Champion 4-H Cat Showmanship - large plaque

**Note:** Results from the 2008 Indiana State Fair 4-H Cat judging, events and activities may be found on the Indiana State Fair Web Site at <http://www.indianastatefair.com>

#### 4-H CAT CLASSES

Class descriptions	Dept. #	Section letters	Junior	Inter-mediate	Senior
Action Demos	413	AD	1	2	3
Showmanship/knowledge	413	SS	1	2	3
Cage Decoration	413	CD	1	2	3

**CAT CLASSES:** Each cat may be entered in only one cat class. (Purebred or non-purebred)

Kitten short hair	413	KS	1	2	3
Kitten long hair	413	KL	1	2	3
Adult short hair	413	AS	1	2	3
Adult long hair	413	AL	1	2	3
Purebred short hair kitten	413	PS	1	2	3
Purebred long hair kitten	413	PL	1	2	3
Purebred short hair adult	413	SA	1	2	3
Purebred long hair adult	413	LA	1	2	3

#### Entry examples

Adult short hair cat - shown by a 6th grader - 413-AS-2

Kitten long hair - shown by a 9th grader - 413-KL-3

Action Demo - shown by a 3rd grader - 413-AD-1